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**States Threaten 'Vast Increase' In CWA 401 Denials As Corps Speeds Reviews**

State water regulators are threatening a “vast increase” in the number of federal permits for pipelines and other projects they plan to block under section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) in response to a recent Army Corps

of Engineers memo directing that Corps' district officials limit states' reviews under the law to 60 days in most cases.

### **EPA Faces Broad Criticism Over Compliance Delays For Ozone NAAQS**

EPA is facing broad criticism from environmentalists on its proposal to give areas around the country an additional year to attain a 2008 federal ozone standard and avoid a "bump-up" to more stringent emissions control requirements, with critics saying the areas' ozone problems are so bad they do not justify the extensions.

### **EPA, Environmentalists At Odds Over Ruling Tightening Ash Disposal Rule**

EPA and environmentalists are pushing competing interpretations of the appellate order that scrapped key exemptions in the Obama-era coal ash disposal rule for being too weak, as both sides seek a new decision from the court on whether it meant to order the immediate closure of disposal sites that cannot meet the rule without the waivers.

### **Vehicle GHG Rule Freeze Still Appears Likely Despite Talk Of Alternatives**

The White House appears to still be on track to finalizing its plan to freeze light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas and fuel economy rules, despite automakers' stated preference against such a rollback in favor of a modest annual rate of improvement in vehicles.

### **States Ramp Up Chemicals Management Legislation Despite TSCA Reform**

At least 22 states are ramping up efforts to approve chemicals management legislation despite the sweeping overhaul of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) that some proponents hoped would end a patchwork of state chemicals rules, with observers saying states are "filling in" regulatory gaps EPA cannot address under the toxics law.

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## **Daily Feed**

### **Judge rejects DOJ bid to dismiss suit over Trump's '2-for-1' order**

The new order preserves environmentalists' suit against President Donald Trump's deregulatory executive order, but leaves the case in a "liminal state" until further fact-finding.

### **Lawmakers float resolution rebuking Trump on Paris exit**

The non-binding resolution says Congress "reaffirms its commitment to the Paris Agreement and that the United States is still in and should not withdraw."

### **9th Circuit backs DHS' environmental waivers for wall construction**

The decision represents the latest loss for environmentalists and state officials hoping to block environmental law waivers for the Trump administration's signature border wall.

### **Democrats renew data request on EPA climate rollbacks**

Having failed to receive a response from EPA, House Democrats are reiterating an oversight request they made on several major climate rollbacks nearly three months ago.

### **Ewire: Shutdown fears grow amid stalled budget talks**

In today's Ewire: Budget talks aimed at averting yet another shutdown for EPA and other agencies "stalled" over the weekend, and lawmakers are making a last-ditch effort to revive them.

### **CBD suit challenges EPA refusal to require battery storage as BACT**

Environmentalists are suing EPA over its refusal to require battery storage as the best available control technology (BACT) for reducing emissions at a gas-fired power plant.

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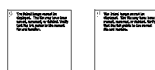
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